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The abstract of German Document DE 37 10 429 A1 discloses a sun visor having a sun-visor body (1) which is connected in an articulated manner in its central region to a holding rod (2). The holding rod (2) can be pivoted relative to the vehicle body around an approximately perpendicular axis in the hinge (3). In the swung-down condition of the sun-visor body (1), the sun-visor body (1) can be rotated relative to the holding rod (2) around a likewise approximately perpendicular rotational axis (4). The sun-visor body (1) can be moved from a position behind the windscreen into a position within the side window without one of its edges coming too close to the upper body or the head of the passenger.

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